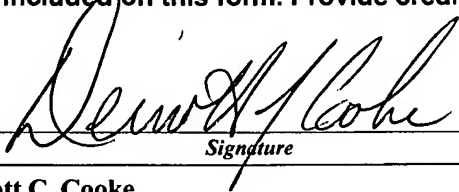
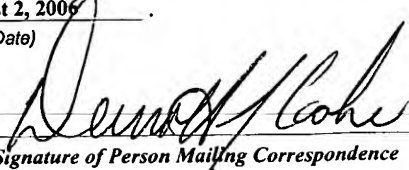


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Applicant(s): Rajesh Pendekanti et al.					
Application No. 10/721,303	Filing Date November 25, 2003	Examiner R.D. Gibson	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 3739	Confirmation No. 7062
INVENTION: MULTI-FUNCTION CLAMPING DEVICE WITH STAPLER AND ABLATION HEADS					
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2006 in the above-referenced Office Action. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections is kindly requested in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks. Please amend the application as follows.

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